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From: leeanneshiller@aol.com
Sent: Friday, April 8, 2022 11:23 AM
To: Town Council Email Group
Cc: Amy Lacy
Subject: Opposed- Historic Preservation

Dear Town Council,
We are opposed to the proposed Historic Preservation ordinance.

1. Even though there is a highly active support group for this ordinance there is a substantial number of homeowners in the village against the ordinance as well as a number of homeowners that have no idea there is an ordinance being proposed and/or if they do, what the ordinance entails. The use of the survey that was created to gather interest in creating a potential historic district as the sole data point to determine homeowners wishes is a misuse of the information collected. The only way to know what homeowners think is to have them review the current proposed ordinance and vote on it.
2. As we have talked to residents that are in support, the reasons for supporting the ordinance generally fall into two categories. The first is what is termed a "McMansion". You do not need a preservation ordinance to control scale and lot coverage. This should be addressed in the new zoning ordinances being created and if they need to change, they should be changed, and variances should be the exception and not the rule. The other falls into a category of personal taste when it comes to color and style...the village today is so eclectic in both style and color that we will never be the village that the supporters wish for, and we are not in support of a committee making these decisions for property owners.
3. We live at 380 W Hawthorne and on the north side of the street and several houses in each direction have been torn down or expanded in the last 20 years. There is nothing in common with any of the styles, but they fit...they fit because people want to do the right thing when it comes to one of their largest investments. There is an open lot directly behind us on Pine. A rental property directly across the street that was purchased by a couple who intend to build their retirement home. We are excited for these homes to be built and have no desire for anyone to take away their control as to what design or color they may decide to build.

Thank you for your time.
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